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***AND SEE YOU AT THE BBQ SUNDAY, JULY 9TH***

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**NEWSLETTER OF THE SLAVIC-AMERICAN CULTURAL ORGANIZATION, INC.**

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'd like to thank all of you who showed up for our Leg of Lamb and Macaroni Dinner which took place on May 7<sup>th</sup>. It was a wonderful success, and the food was marvelous. Kudos to Anthony's Café who did the catering of the lamb and trimmings. Their café is located inside Gottschalks in Watsonville. The macaroni was fantastic and many people thought it was the Miramar macaroni. Well, it was! It was cooked by Florentino, a cook of the former Miramar Restaurant. Delicious! And thanks to the SACO officers for helping seeing this through, as well as Liz Neel, who volunteered her time to help us.

Summer is here and it's time for our annual BBQ on July 9<sup>th</sup> in Corralitos. We'll be trying to make this the best one ever with the addition of live music by talented Tamburitians from the Bay Area. This event is not to be missed! Bring a friend. And by the way, congratulations to Aptos High School graduates Ivo Violich and Megan Ramaekers for being awarded this year's SACO Scholarships, each receiving \$250 for college. We hope to see them at the BBQ.

In closing, let's wish a speedy recovery for those members and friends who've been in the hospital recently. And keep our good thoughts going out to those who need our prayers and support. We hope to see everyone back on their feet and at the BBQ.

Feel free to call the SACO officers with ideas, complaints or what have you.

Steve Belick

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Corralitos Community Center  
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**TRI-TIP STEAK**

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pasta, salad, bread, dessert and coffee  
Miramar-style Macaroni

*Food!*

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*Fun!*

*Music!*

Cakes for dessert and prizes  
for the drawing  
will be welcome

**Sunday, July 9th**

Opens at 11 a.m. - Serving at 1 p.m.

\$10 Adults / \$5 Children under 12



## Dalmatian Fishermen

As far back as two hundred years ago, settlers from the Dalmatian coast and islands of Croatia made their living as fishermen and oystermen in the bayous of Louisiana, at Biloxi, Mississippi; Mobile Bay, Alabama and on the Texas Gulf Coast.

During the Gold Rush of 1848, a large number came to San Francisco, where many established quality seafood restaurants. Tadich Grill is the oldest restaurant and fish house in San Francisco having been established by Croatians from Dalmatia in 1849. Other famous fish restaurants were Mayes Oyster House (1860), Sam's (1880), Chris's, Harpoon Louie's and many others, all owned by Dalmatian Croatians.

By 1880, there were over 200 Dalmatian fishermen in San Francisco. The Fishermen's Association had Dalmatian Croatians as presidents and officers in the 1860s and '70s.

Many of the Dalmatian fishermen went north to settle in the state

of Washington and in Canada and Alaska; others went to San Pedro in Southern California. Today, the largest concentration of Croatian fishermen can be found in San Pedro, with approximately 10,000 in the San Pedro Harbor area.

In the 1830s, John Dominis-Gospodnetich, operating out of Hawaii, barreled and shipped first salmon out of the state of Washington to the Eastern United States and established salmon trade. His son, also John, married a Hawaiian princess

and became the last Queen of Hawaii, Queen Lili'uokalani. John Dominis-Gospodnetich became the King-Consort.



The first European settler and fisherman on San Catalina Island was a Croatian named Maricich. Another Croatian fisherman settled on an island off the Canadian coast, marrying an Indian woman, and was later also obligated to marry her two widowed sisters. He had a total of 28 children with his 3 wives. When he became wealthy, he and one of his wives were pictured on a canned salmon label.

Indeed, Dalmatian Croatians have made a considerable contribution to the fishing industry as well as to the style of fish preparation in the West.

by Adam S. Eterovich

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VISNJIC'S LUKA IS ALL HEARTTHROB.

**Q:** What do you know about the most interesting face on *ER* this season? I'm talking about mysterious doctor Luka Kovac. Who is the actor playing him, and where is he from? **MARY KINASTOWSKI, Arlington Heights, Ill.** Goran Visnjic is from Croatia, just like the gentle doc he plays. But he had connections to the *ER* folks. Visnjic, married and now living in L.A., starred with George Clooney in *The Peacemaker*, a 1997 action-thriller directed by Mimi Leder, who also had worked on *ER*. Largely a theater actor in his home country, Visnjic also appeared in *Welcome to Sarajevo*.



Dear Tina -

I'm enclosing my check for this year's dues. Just sorry I can't be there to visit with old friends. It has been great being a member of SACO since its inception. I embrace all and wish all a happy, healthy millennium. Naide Nicholas

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I'm progressing quite well after my hip replacement. Am still using a cane but hope not for long. Stop + visit when you next pass through J. 13.



The delicious Leg of Lamb and Macaroni Dinner on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> was attended by 62 adults and 2 children.



**THANK YOU**  
For bringing prizes

Scotty Atkins  
Karen Belick  
Steve Belick  
Pete Bileich  
Babe Hill  
Geri Heebner  
Chris Justus  
Antoinette Lukrich  
Arlene Matiasovich  
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Marjorie Secondo  
Jasper Simunovich  
Ann Soldo  
John Vodanovich  
Jacqueline Zadravec  
June Zupan

**THANK YOU**  
for bringing desserts  
to the Lamb Dinner

Karen Belick  
Mary Burdick  
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Nina Matulich  
Cathy Moresco  
Jo Puhera  
Helen Ukestad  
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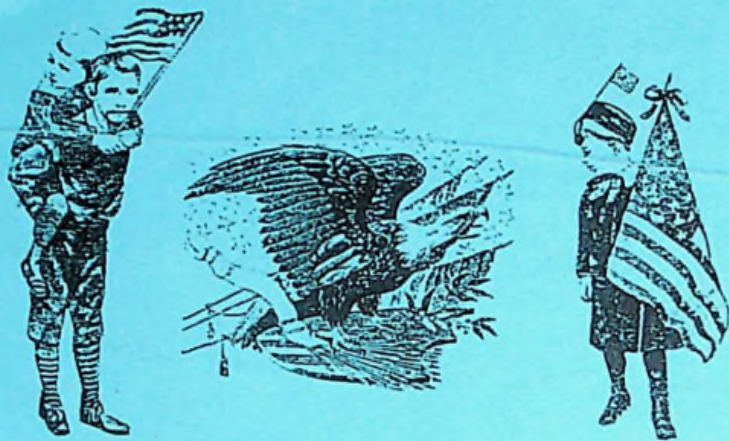
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